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Testimony  
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**RE: HB-5051 AN ACT EXPANDING MUNICIPAL AND STATE REVERSE AUCTION  
AUTHORITY TO INCLUDE THE PURCHASE OF SERVICES**

The Connecticut Council of Small Towns (COST) *supports* HB-5051, which expands the ability of towns to utilize on-line reverse auctions to purchase certain services.

On-line reverse auctions have been very successful in helping towns and boards of education purchase products at a competitive rate, resulting in much-needed savings. The process is also very efficient and saves towns time and resources in locating and purchasing products at the lowest possible cost.

We therefore urge your support for HB-5051 which extends the reverse auction authority to include the purchase of certain services. Where the award of a contract for services is driven by price, this bill will give towns a useful tool in reducing costs.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this bill.

*COST is an advocacy organization committed to giving small towns a strong voice in the legislative process. Its members are Connecticut towns with populations of less than 30,000. COST champions the major policy needs and concerns of Connecticut's suburban and rural towns.*